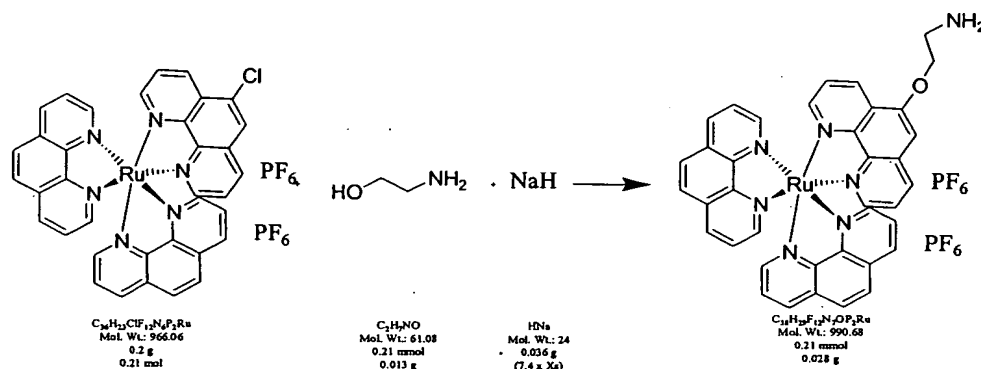
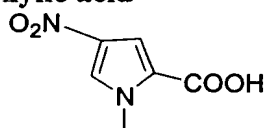


Synthesis of [Ru(phen)₂(Phen-4-NH₂-CH₂CH₂-NH₂)](PF₆)₂



The ruthenium complex, [Ru(phen)₂(4-Cl-Phen)](PF₆)₂ (0.2 g, 0.21 mmol) was also suspended in deaerated DMF (5 mL) while separately NaH (0.036 g, 1.5 mmol) was also suspended in a stirring solution of dry, deaerated DMF (5 mL). Ethanolamine (12.8 μL, 0.21 mmol) was added to the solution of NaH. The two solutions were mixed via cannula and the resulting black solution heated at 40 °C for 2 hr. The solution was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure leaving a red black residue which was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel, eluting with acetonitrile (5% saturated KNO₃ solution and 10 % water). Fractions containing unreacted starting complex and product were isolated by TLC (SiO₂, ACN/5% saturated KNO₃/10% H₂O). These fractions were combined, reduced to dryness then extracted into dichloromethane (4 x 100 mL) from H₂O (100 mL). The extracts were reduced to dryness and subsequently purified on a column of TLC grade silica gel (ACN/1% saturated KNO₃/10% H₂O). This purification achieved a separation of bands containing unreacted starting complex and product. The product (band 2) was collected, reduced to dryness then extracted into dichloromethane (4 x 100 mL) from H₂O (100 mL). Evaporation of the solution to dryness under reduced pressure gave the product as a deep red solid. ¹H NMR (CD₃CN): 8.54 (d, 4H), 8.44 (dd, 2H), 8.28 (d, 1H), 8.23 (s, 4H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 8.08 (d, 1H), 8.00 (d, 1H), 7.83 (d, 1H), 7.76 (d, 1H), 7.65 (bm, 4H), 7.40 (dd, 1H), 6.70 (d, 1H), 6.38 (d, 1H), 1.30 (bs, 4H).

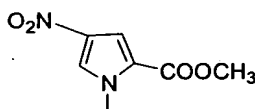
1-Methyl-4-nitropyrrole-2-carboxylic acid



Acetic anhydride (20 mL) was treated with nitric acid (4.0 mL, 70%) and the mixture heated to 50 °C for 15 min then cooled to room temperature, and slowly added to a suspension of 1-methyl-2-pyrrolecarboxylic acid (4 g, 15.98 mmol) in Ac₂O (12 mL) cooled to -25 °C. The mixture was stirred at -15 °C for 0.5 hr, then the temperature

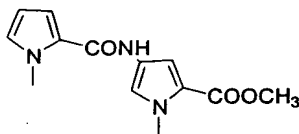
was allowed to rise to ambient, and stirring was continued for 20 min. The mixture was again cooled to -25 °C and the precipitate collected in a funnel cooled with dry ice, the solid was washed with a small quantity of cold Ac₂O (-25 °C). The crystalline solid was taken up in water containing NaOH (1 g). Acidification with the HCl precipitated the pure compound. NMR as previously reported.

Methyl 1-methyl-4nitropyrrole-2-carboxylate



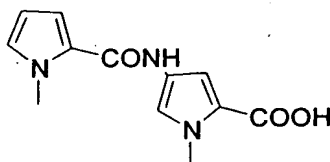
A cold solution of H₂SO₄ (2.9 mL) in MeOH (28.96 mL) was added to 1-methyl-4-nitropyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (2.897 g, 2.35 mmol). The mixture was refluxed for 24 hr. Water was added and the mixture extracted CHCl₃. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent evaporated under vacuum to afford the creamy white product. NMR as previously reported.

Py/Py-COOCH₃



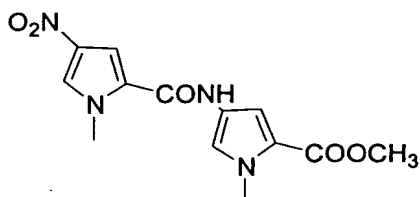
Methyl *N*-methyl-4-nitro pyrrole-2-carboxylate (0.5 g, 27.17 mmol) in MeOH (64 mL) and Pd/C (10%, 6 mg) was stirred under H₂ (1 atm) until the TLC showed no starting material (1 hr). The mixture was filtered through celite to remove the catalyst and DMF was added (3 mL). MeOH was removed under vacuum. *N*-methyl pyrrole-2-carboxylic acid (1.3 mol equiv) was added followed by HOBt (88 mg, 1.5 mol equiv), TBTU (209 mg, 1.5 equiv) and Et₃N (220 mg, 5 equiv). The solution was stirred for 1 hr at room temperature and the solvent removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (100% DCM).

Py/Py-COOH

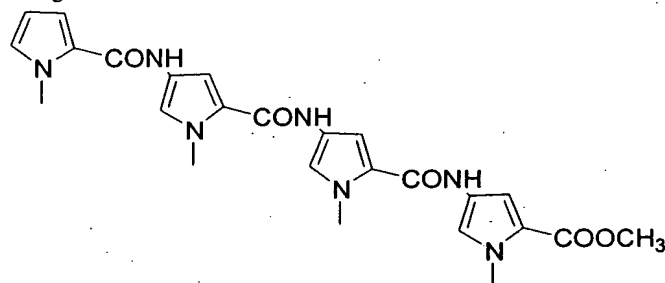


Py/Py-COOCH₃ (360 mg, 1.38 mmol) in THF/MeOH (1.1 / 7.5 mL) was added LiOH (1 M, 5.5 mL) and the solution stirred at 60 °C (oil bath) for 1.5 hr and monitored by TLC (10%, MeOH/CH₂Cl). The organics were evaporated under vacuum, the solution

cooled and acidified with HCl (1 M 5mL). The solid was collected and air dried and left in a desiccator under vacuum overnight. NMR as previously reported.

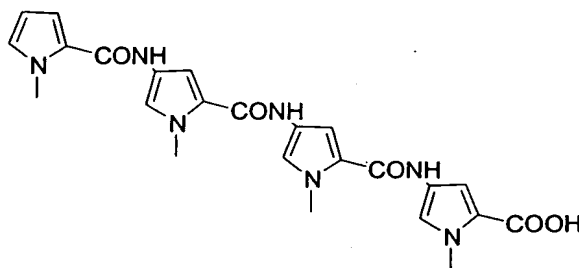
NO₂-Py/Py-COOCH₃

5 NO₂-Py-COOCH₃ (1.45 g, 7.83 mmol) in MeOH (150 mL) and Pd/C (174 mg) was stirred under H₂ (1 atm) for 1 hr. The mixture was filtered through celite and DMF (3 mL) added. MeOH was removed under vacuum. NO₂-Py-COOH (1.8 g,) was added followed by HOBT (255.2 mg, 1.89 mmol) and TBTU (606 mg, 1.89 mmol) and Et₃N
10 (638 mg, 6.32 mmol). The solution was stirred for 1 hr at room temp and the solvent (DMF) removed under vacuum until a small quantity remained. The pure compound was precipitated by addition of MeOH. %). ¹H NMR (d-DMSO): 10.21 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, 1H), 7.53 (d, 1H), 7.43 (d, 1H), 6.88 (d, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H).

Py/Py/Py/Py-COOCH₃

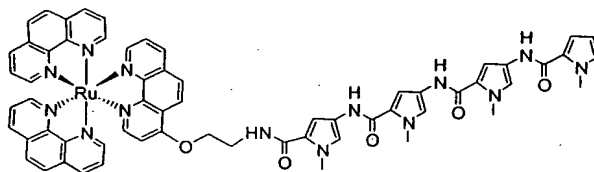
15 NO₂-Py/Py-COOCH₃ (213 mg, 0.69 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (25 mL) and added Pd/C catalyst (15 mg) and stirred under H₂ until the amine was formed. The mixture was filtered through celite and Py/Py-COOH (166 mg, 0.66 mmol) added to the solution followed by HOBT (22 mg, 0.16 mmol), TBTU (51 mg, 0.16 mmol) and Et₃N (53 mg,
20 0.52 mmol). The reaction was then left to couple for 1.5 hr. The DMF was removed under reduced pressure to yield the compound.

Py/Py/Py/Py-COOH



Py/Py/Py/Py-COOCH₃ (100 mg, 0.20 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was added NaOH (0.75 mL) and the solution stirred at 60 °C for 1 hr. The organics were evaporated until approx. 3 mL remained and acidified with HCl (1 M, 5 mL) to yield the product.

[Ru(phen)₂(phen-4-O-CH₂CH₂NHCO-Py/Py/Py/Py)](PF₆)₂



[Ru(phen)₂(phen-4-O-CH₂CH₂NH₂)](PF₆)₂ (28 mg, 0.03 mmol) dissolved in DMF (25 mL) and added Pd/C catalyst (15 mg) and stirred under H₂ until the amine was formed. The mixture was filtered through celite) and Py/Py/Py/Py-COOH (75 mg, 0.15 mmol) added to the solution followed by HOBT (22 mg, 0.16 mmol), TBTU (51 mg, 0.16 mmol) and Et₃N (53 mg, 0.52 mmol). The reaction was then left to couple for 2 hr. The DMF was removed under reduced pressure to yield the compound.

Y^1 and Y^2 may be the same or different and are independently selected from NH, -NH₂, C=O, C=S, C=NH, O, OH, S, SH, S(O), S(O)₂, NR³, NHR³, N(R³)₂, an optionally substituted cycloalkylamine, an optionally substituted cycloalkyldiamine, and an optionally substituted heteroaryl group (e.g., an optionally substituted N-heteroaryl group such as pyridyl, phenanthrolyl, 2,2'-bipyridyl); where each R³ is independently selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

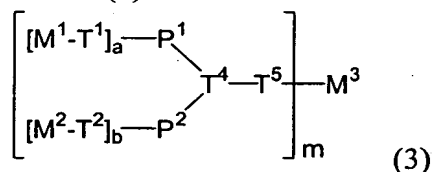
A is selected from an optionally substituted C₁₋₁₀ alkylene, an optionally substituted C₂₋₁₀ alkenylene, an optionally substituted C₂₋₁₀ alkynylene, an optionally substituted C₃₋₆ cycloalkylene, an optionally substituted C₆₋₁₀ aryl, C=O, C=S, and C=NH, NH, O, S, NH₂, OH, SH, S(O), S(O)₂, amino acids, and spermidine; and

n is an integer selected from 1 to 20,

wherein when n is an integer greater than 1, each (A) group may be the same or different.

8. A compound according to claim 7, wherein each linker group independently comprises a group selected from -NH-(CH₂)_n-NH₂-, -NH-CH₂CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂CH₂-O-CH₂CH₂CH₂-NH₂-, -NH-C(O)-CH₂CH₂-NH-C(O)-CH₂CH₂CH₂NH₂-, -S-(CH₂)_n-O-(CH₂)_n-S-, or -NH-(CH₂)_n-O-, and -C(O)-NH-CH₂-C(O)-NH-CH(CH₂SH)-C(O)-NH-, where n is an integer from 1 to 20.

9. A compound of formula (3):



where

M^1 , M^2 , M^3 are the same or different and are each a metal coordination complex as defined for M^1 and M^2 of formula (1) in claim 1, wherein at least one of M^1 , M^2 and M^3 is capable of interacting with a major groove or minor groove of a polynucleotide;

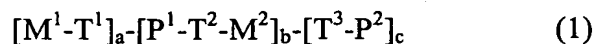
P^1 and P^2 are the same or different and are each a sequence selective pyrrole-imidazole polyamide as defined for formula (1) in claim 1;

T^1 and T^2 are the same or different and are each a linker group of formula (2) as defined for formula (1) in claim 1;

T^5 is a linker group of formula (2) as defined for T^1 and T^2 of formula (1) in claim 1, wherein one of Y^1 and Y^2 is bound to a metal complex M^3 and the other of Y^1 and Y^2 is covalently bound to T^4 ;

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. A compound of formula (1)



or a salt thereof,

wherein

M^1 and M^2 are the same or different and are each a metal coordination complex, wherein at least one of M^1 and M^2 is capable of interacting with a major groove or minor groove of a polynucleotide;

P^1 and P^2 are the same or different and are each a sequence selective pyrrole-imidazole polyamide;

T^1 , T^2 and T^3 are the same or different and are each a linker group;

a is 0, or 1;

b is an integer selected from 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5;

wherein when b is an integer greater than 1, each P^1 , each T^2 and each M^2 may be the same or different; and

c is 0, 1 or 2; wherein when c is 2, each P^2 may be the same or different and each T^3 may be the same or different.

2. A compound according to claim 1, $a = 0$, $b = 1$, and $c = 0$.

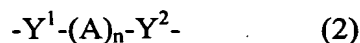
3. A compound according to claim 1, wherein M^1 and M^2 are the same or different and are individually selected from a platinum complex, a palladium complex, a ruthenium complex, and a rhodium complex.

4. A compound according to claim 1, wherein M^1 and M^2 are independently selected from $\text{cis-Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}$ and $\text{trans-Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}$.

5. A compound according to claim 1, wherein each pyrrole-imidazole polyamides (P^1 , P^2) independently comprises a plurality of heterocyclic rings selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted N-methylimidazole (Im), optionally substituted N-methylpyrrole (Py) and optionally substituted 3-hydroxy N-methylpyrrole (Hp).

6. A compound according to claim 5, wherein each pyrrole-imidazole polyamide independently comprises 3 heterocyclic rings or 4 heterocyclic rings.

7. A compound according to claim 1, wherein the linker groups (T^1 , T^2 , T^3) are the same or different and each has the formula (2):



wherein

T^4 is a linker group of formula (2) as defined for T^1 and T^2 of formula (1) in claim 1, wherein Y^1 is covalently bound to a pyrrole-imidazole polyamide, Y^2 is covalently bound to a pyrrole-imidazole polyamide, and wherein one Y^1 , Y^2 and A is covalently bound to T^5 ;

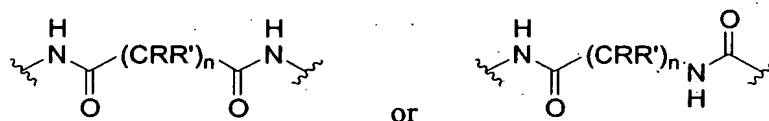
5 a and b are independently selected from 0 and 1; and
m is 1, 2, 3 or 4.

10. A compound according to claim 9, wherein m is 1 or 2.

11. A compound according to claim 9, wherein a = 0, b = 1, and m = 1.

12. A compound according to claim 9, wherein T^4 comprises

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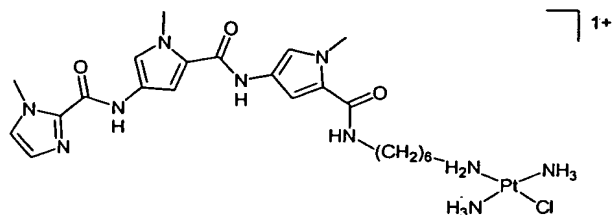


wherein n is an integer selected from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10,
each (CRR') is independently an optionally substituted alkylene; and
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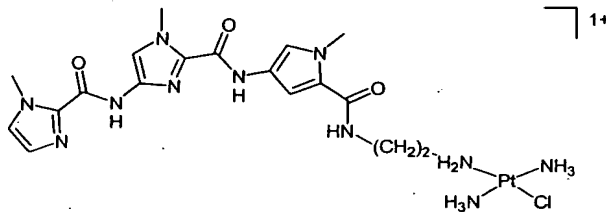
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13. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from

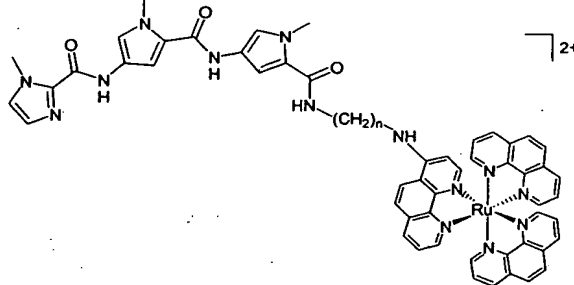
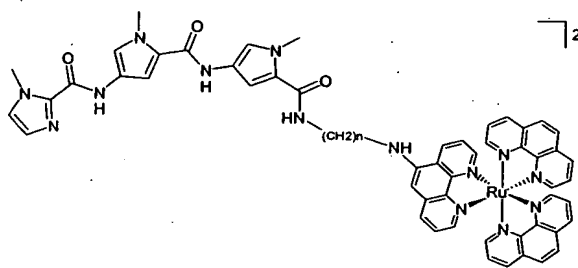
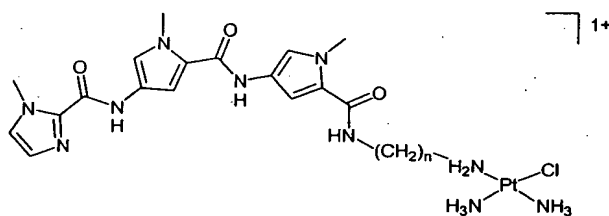
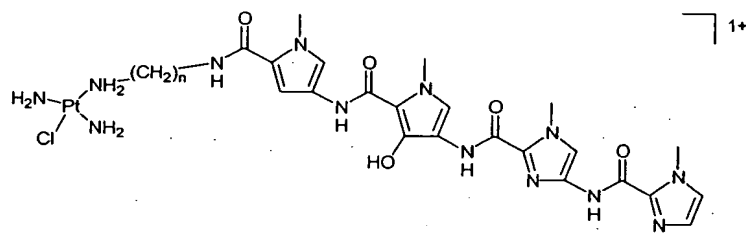
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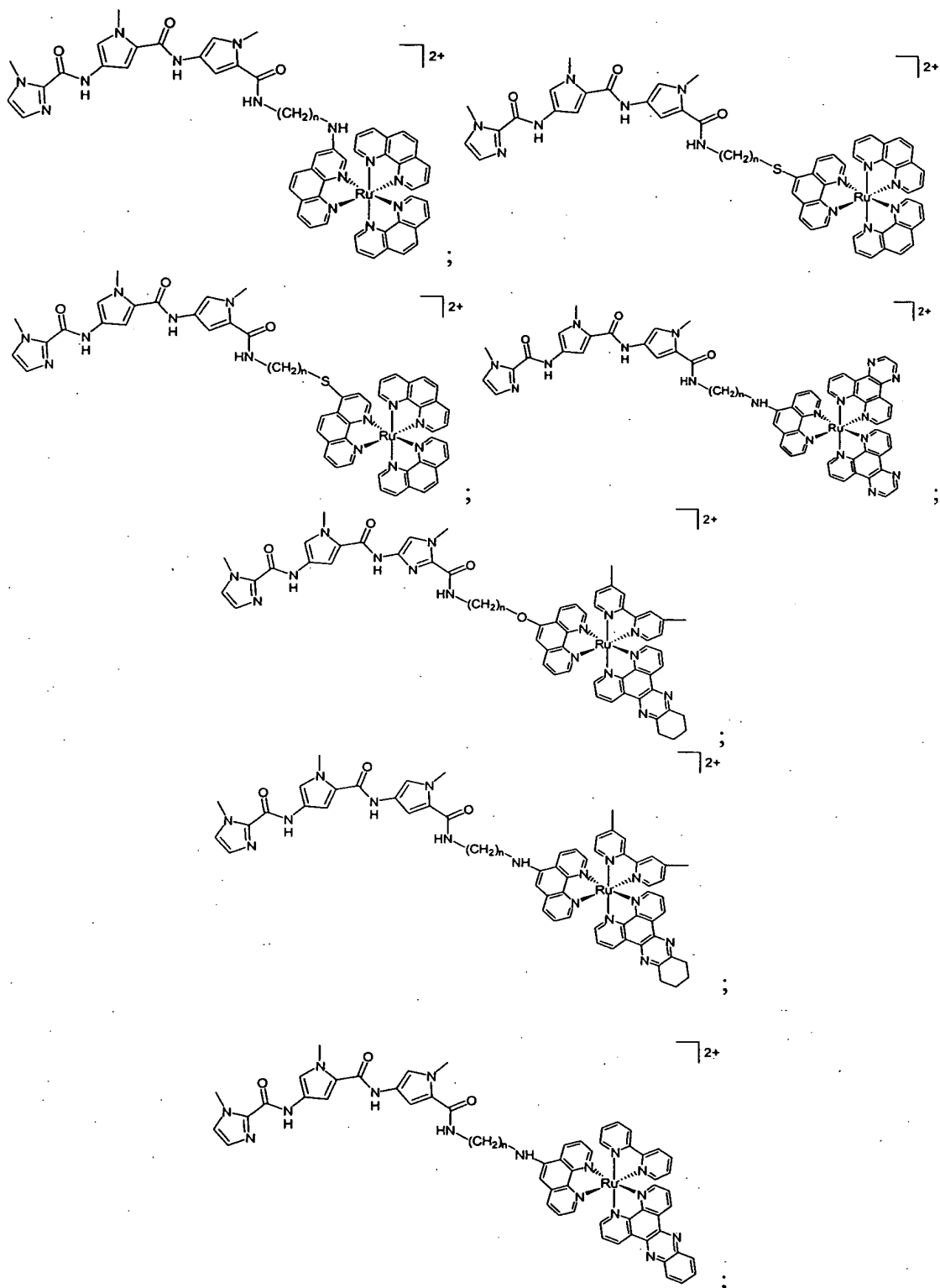


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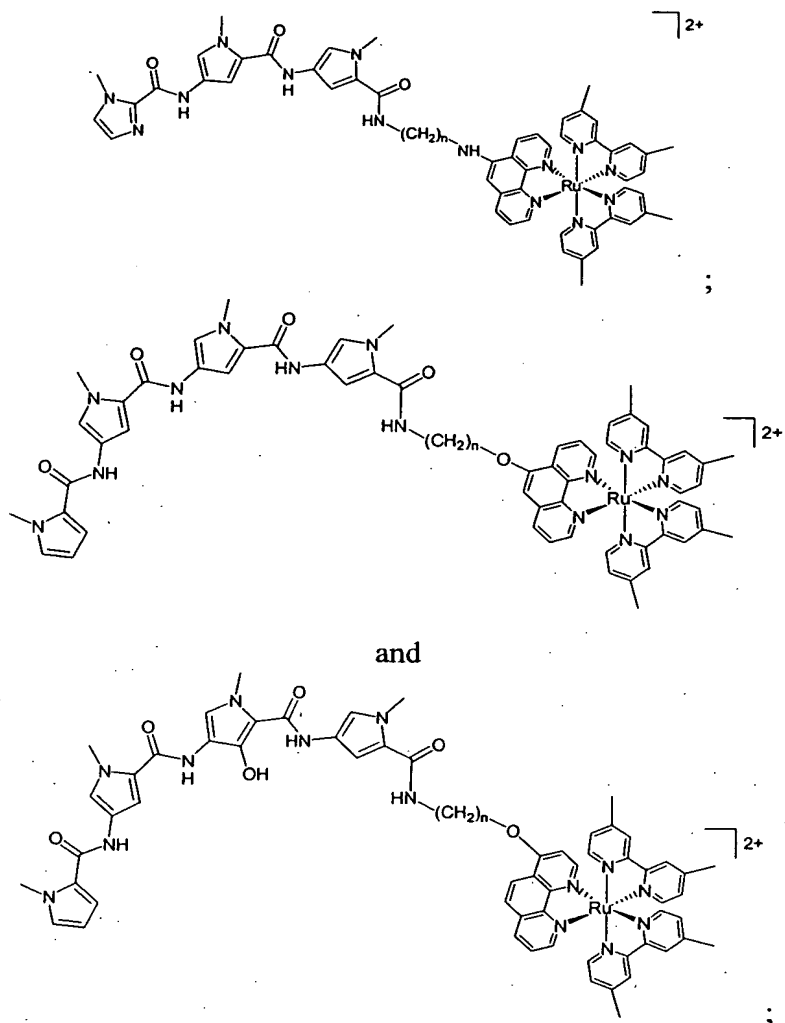
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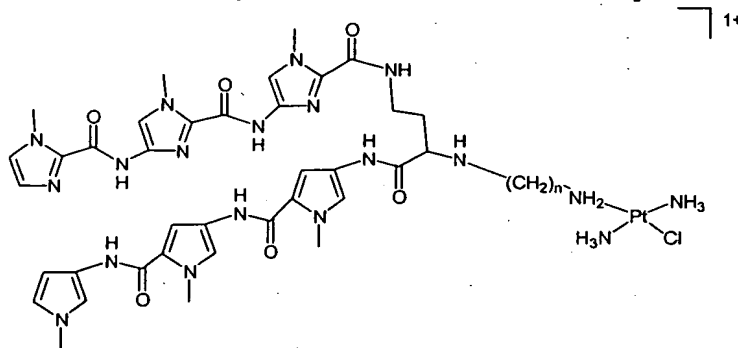


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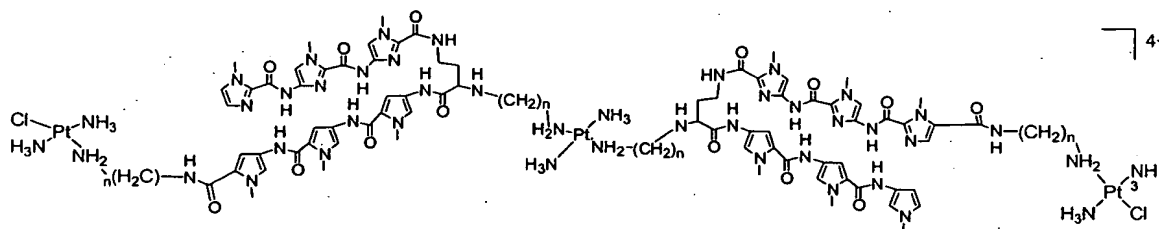
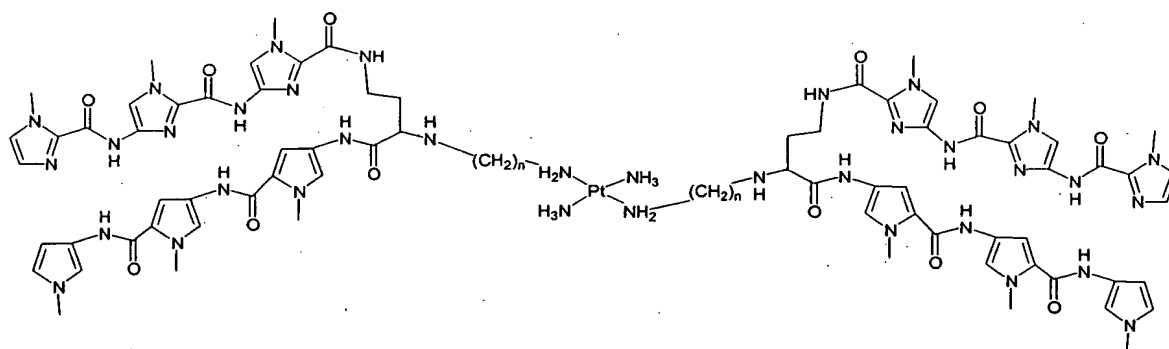
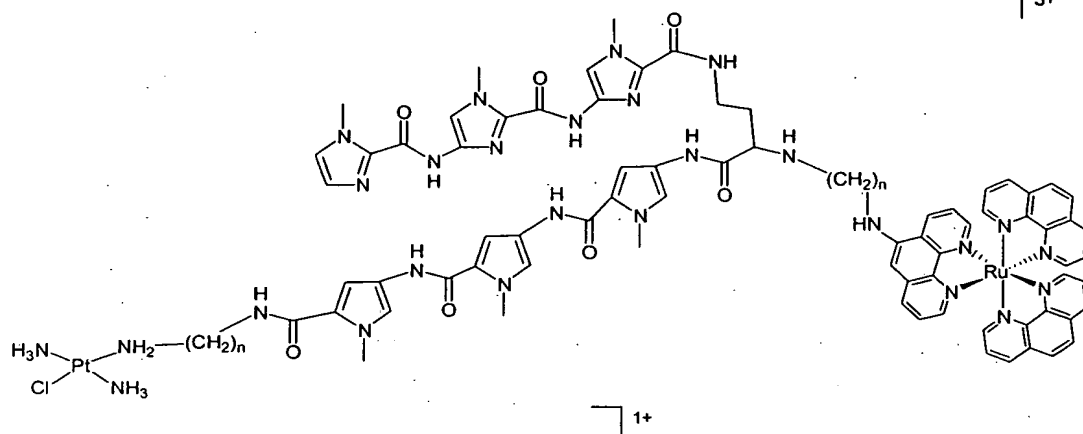
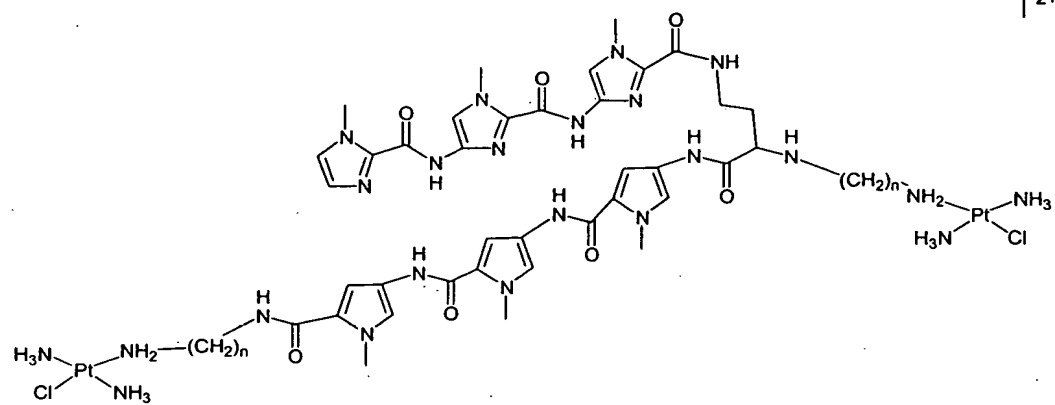
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14. A compound according to claim 9, wherein said compound is selected from



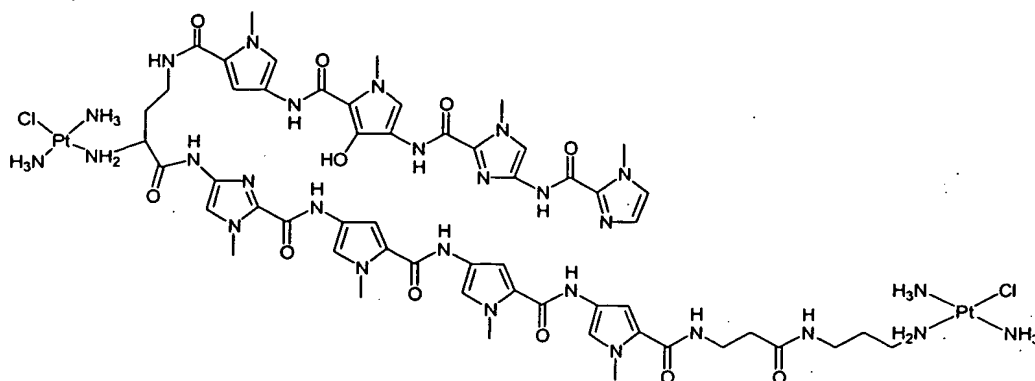
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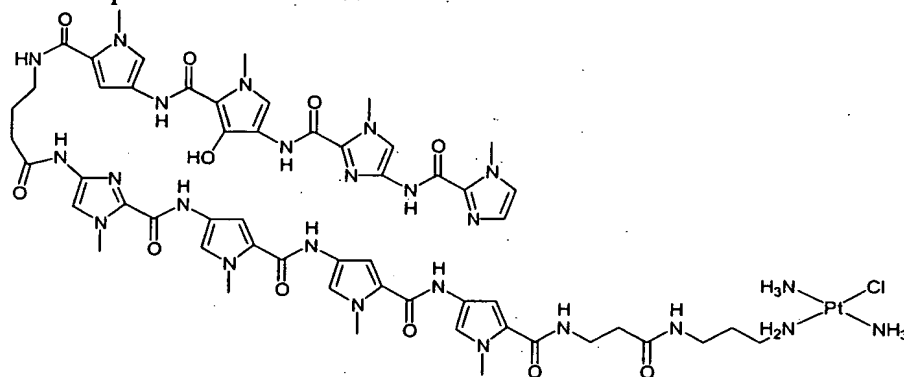
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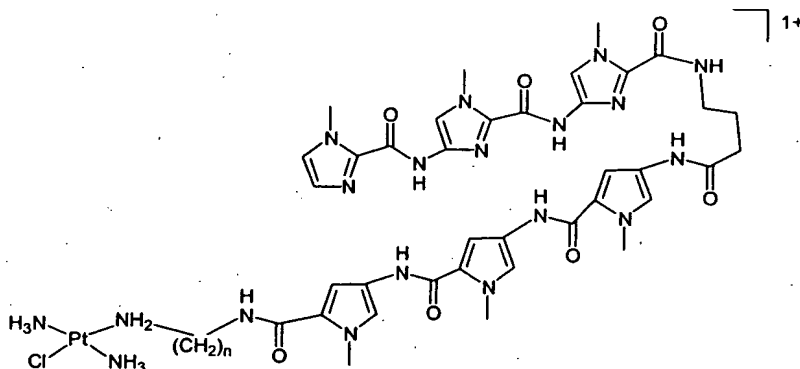


where each n is an integer independently selected from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, or a salt thereof.

15. A compound selected from



and



where each n is an integer independently selected from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, or a salt thereof.

16. A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound selected from a compound of formula (1) according claim 1, a compound of formula (3) according to claim 9, and a compound according to claim 15, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, adjuvant or carrier.

17. A method of targeting a therapeutic agent(s) and/or a reporter group(s) to a sequence in a polynucleotide comprising contacting biological material suspected of containing said sequence with a compound of formula (1), formula (3) or claim 15.

18. A method of treating a disease selected from cancer, HIV and Hepatitis C, said method comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound according to claim 1, claim 9 or claim 15, or a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16.

19. A method of diagnosis comprising contacting a biological sample with a diagnostically effective amount of at least one compound according to claim 1, claim 9 or claim 15, or a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 16.

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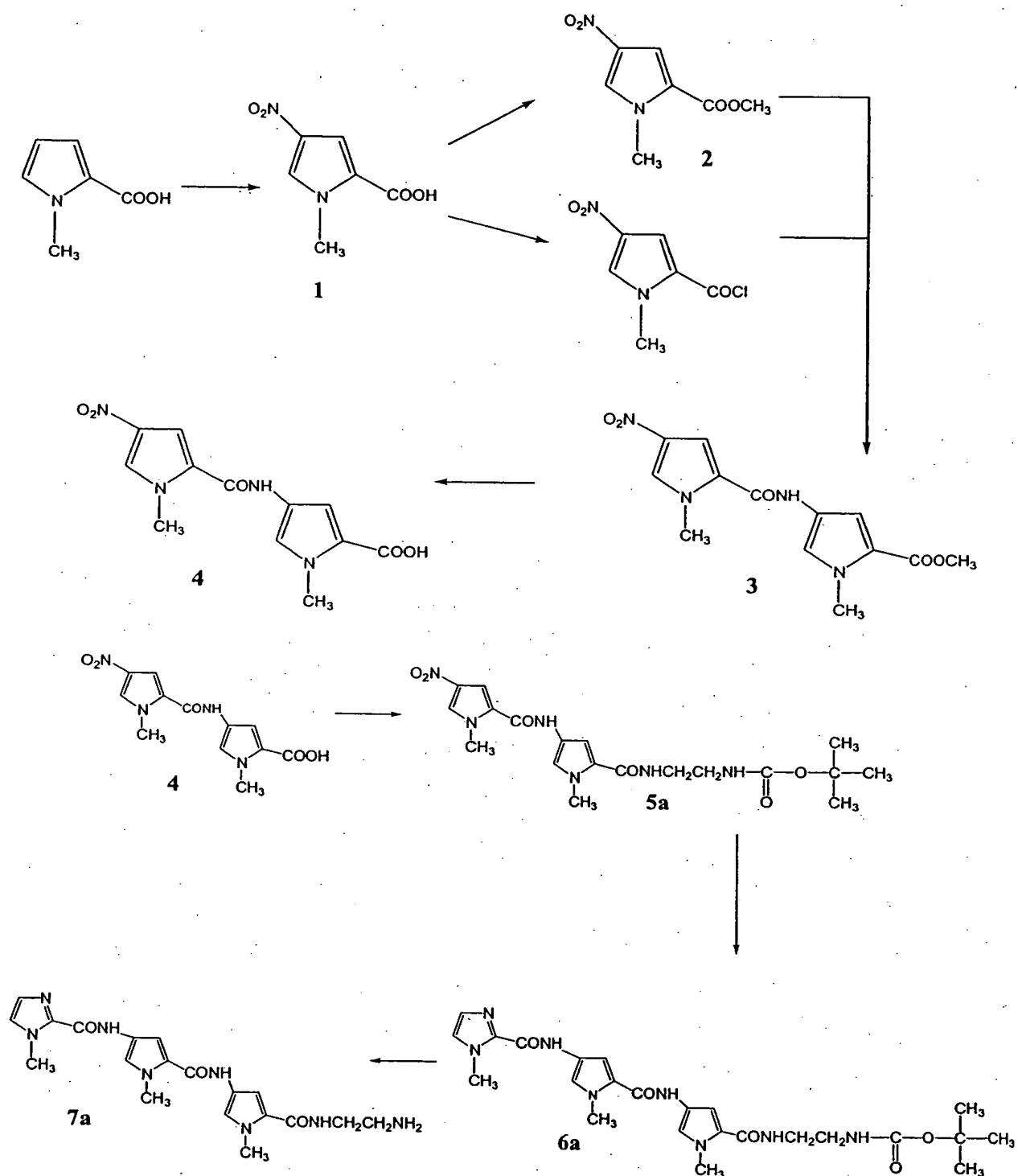


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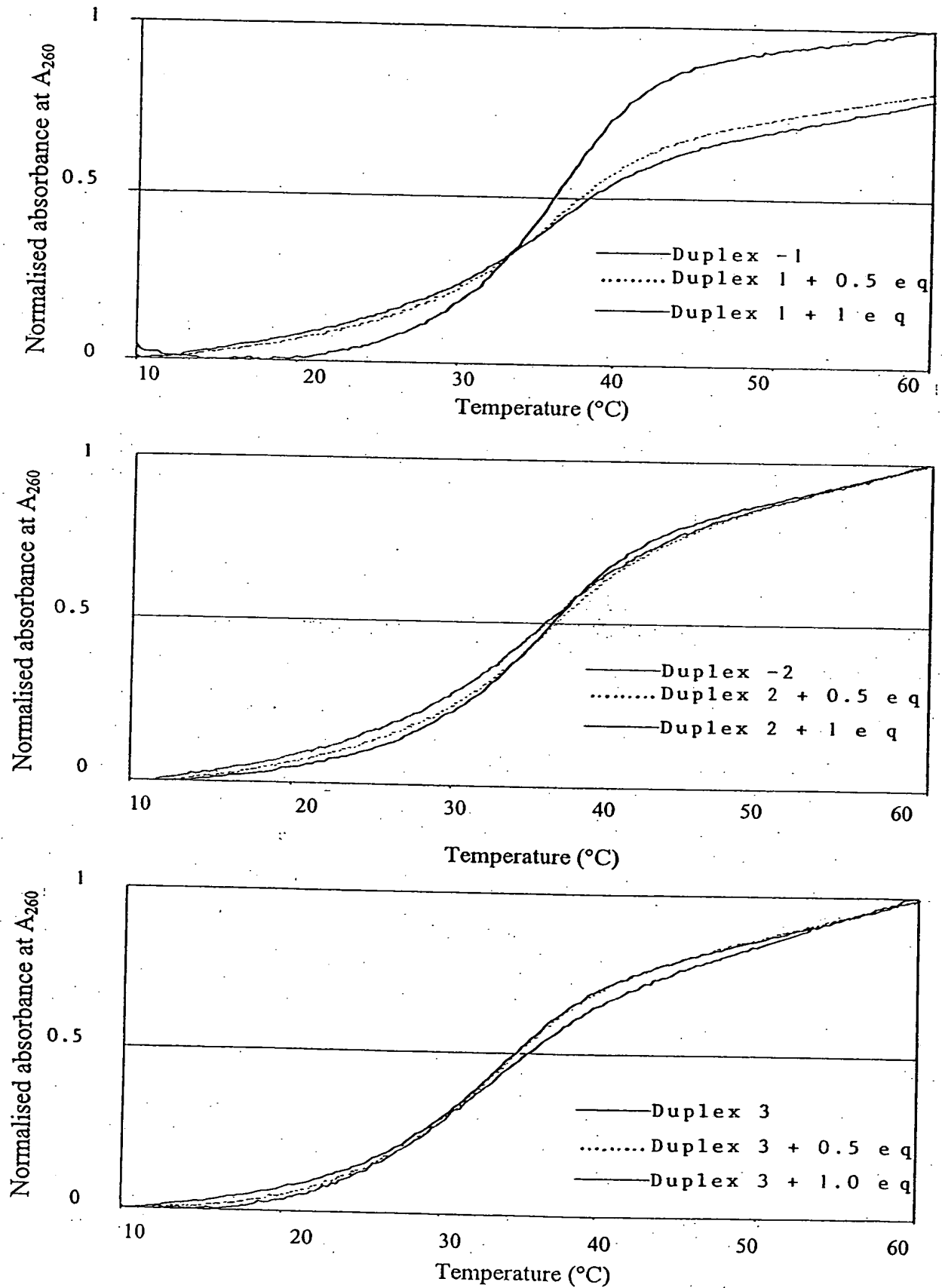


Figure 2

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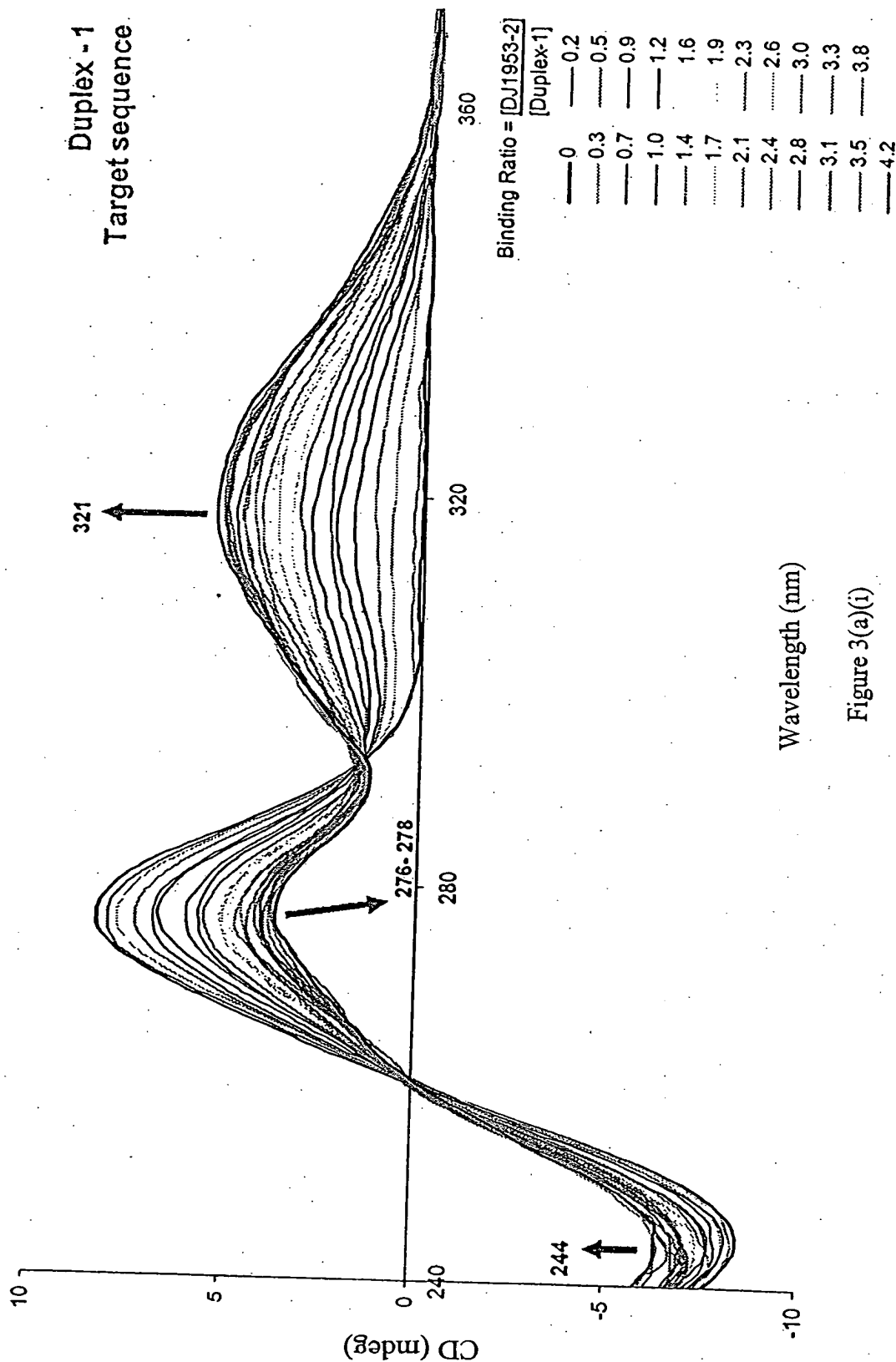


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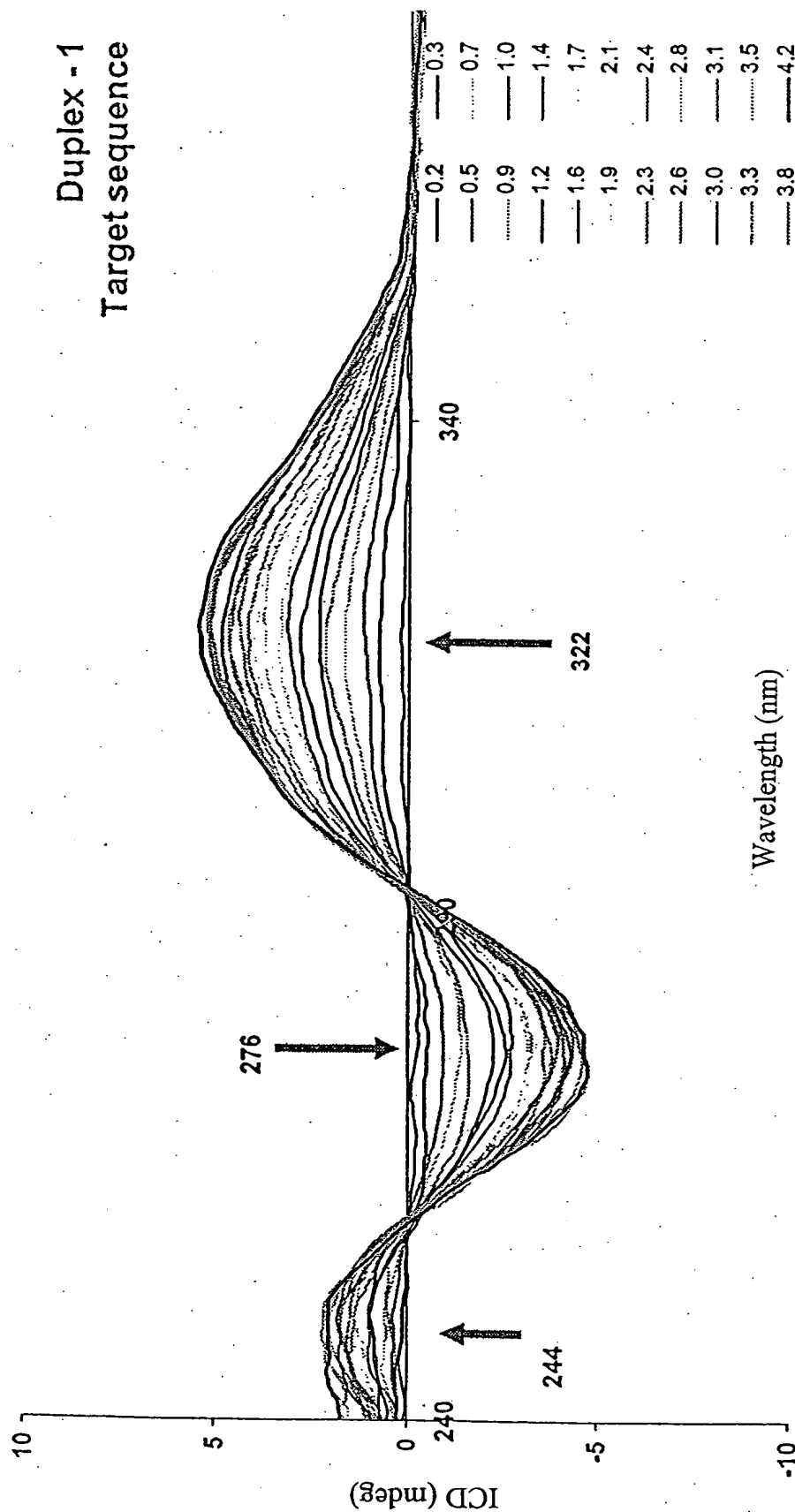


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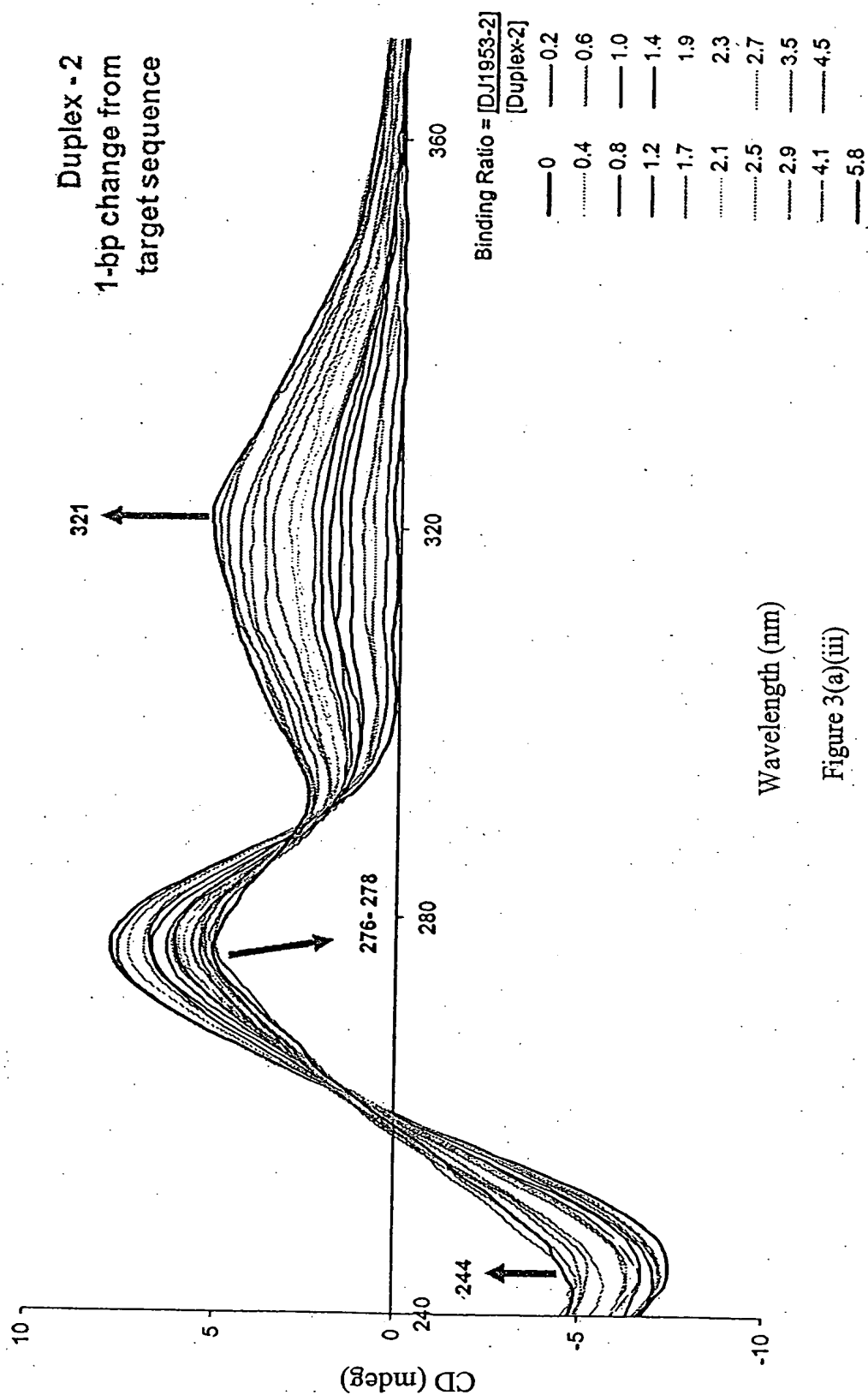
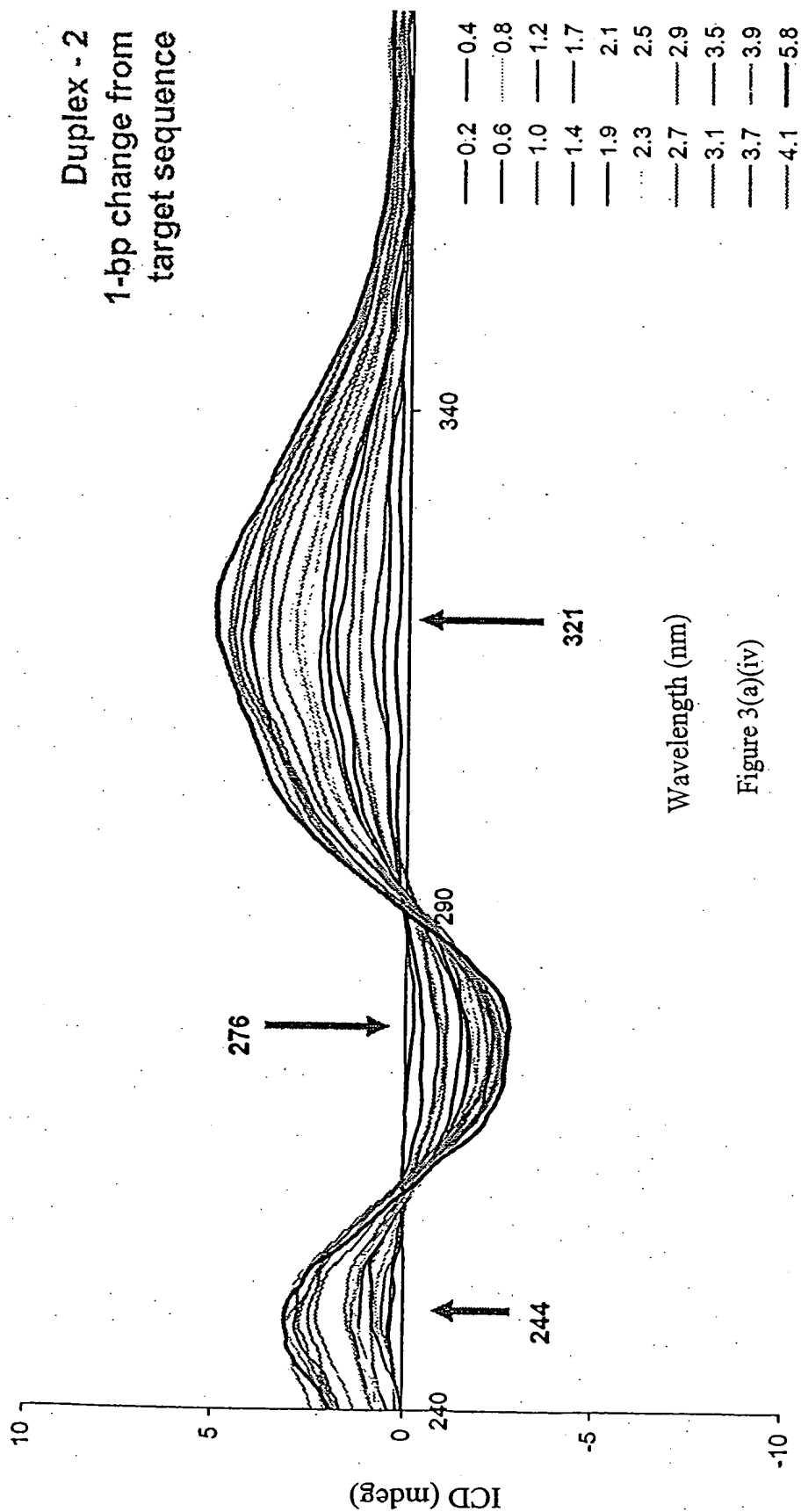


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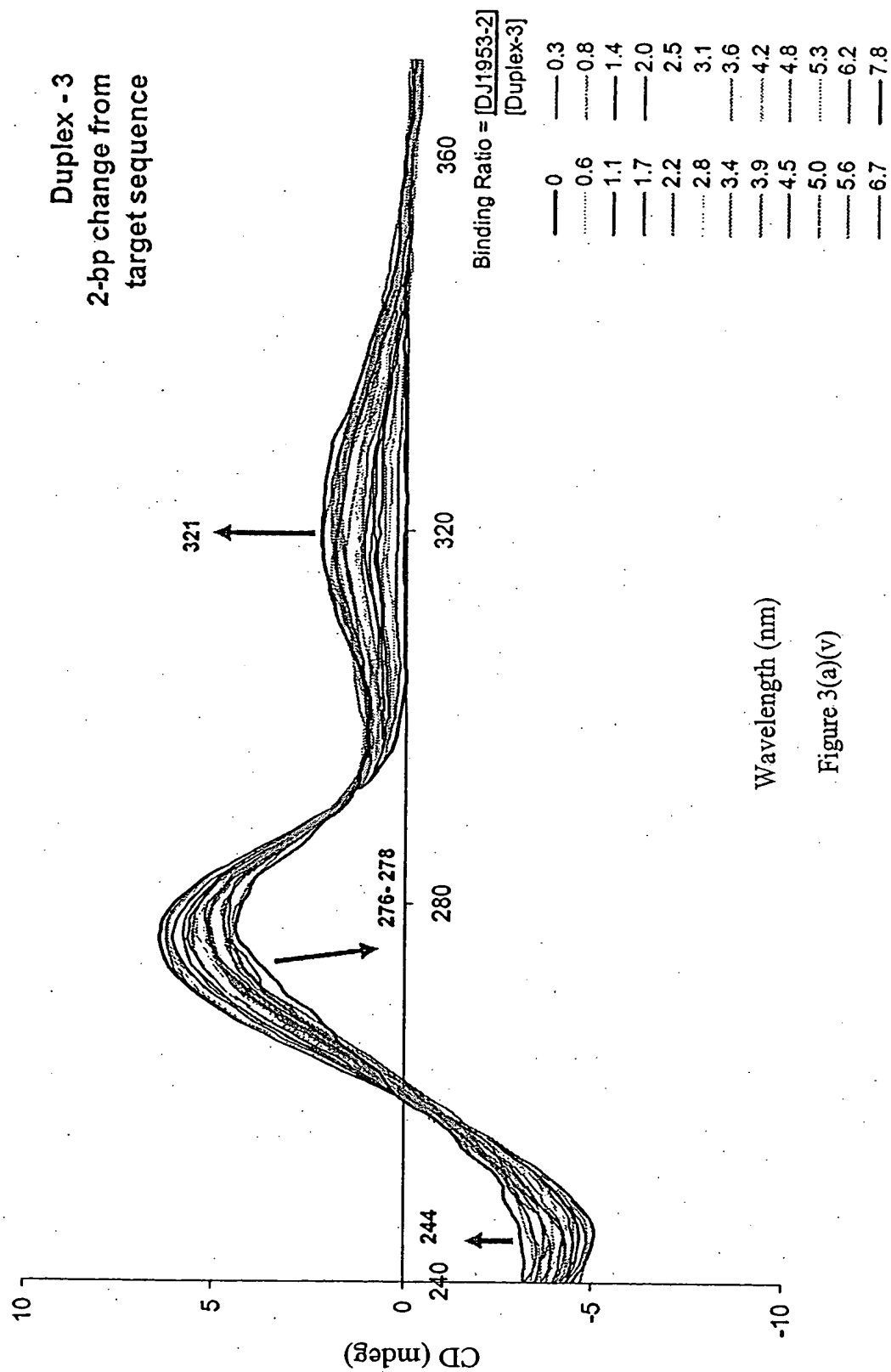


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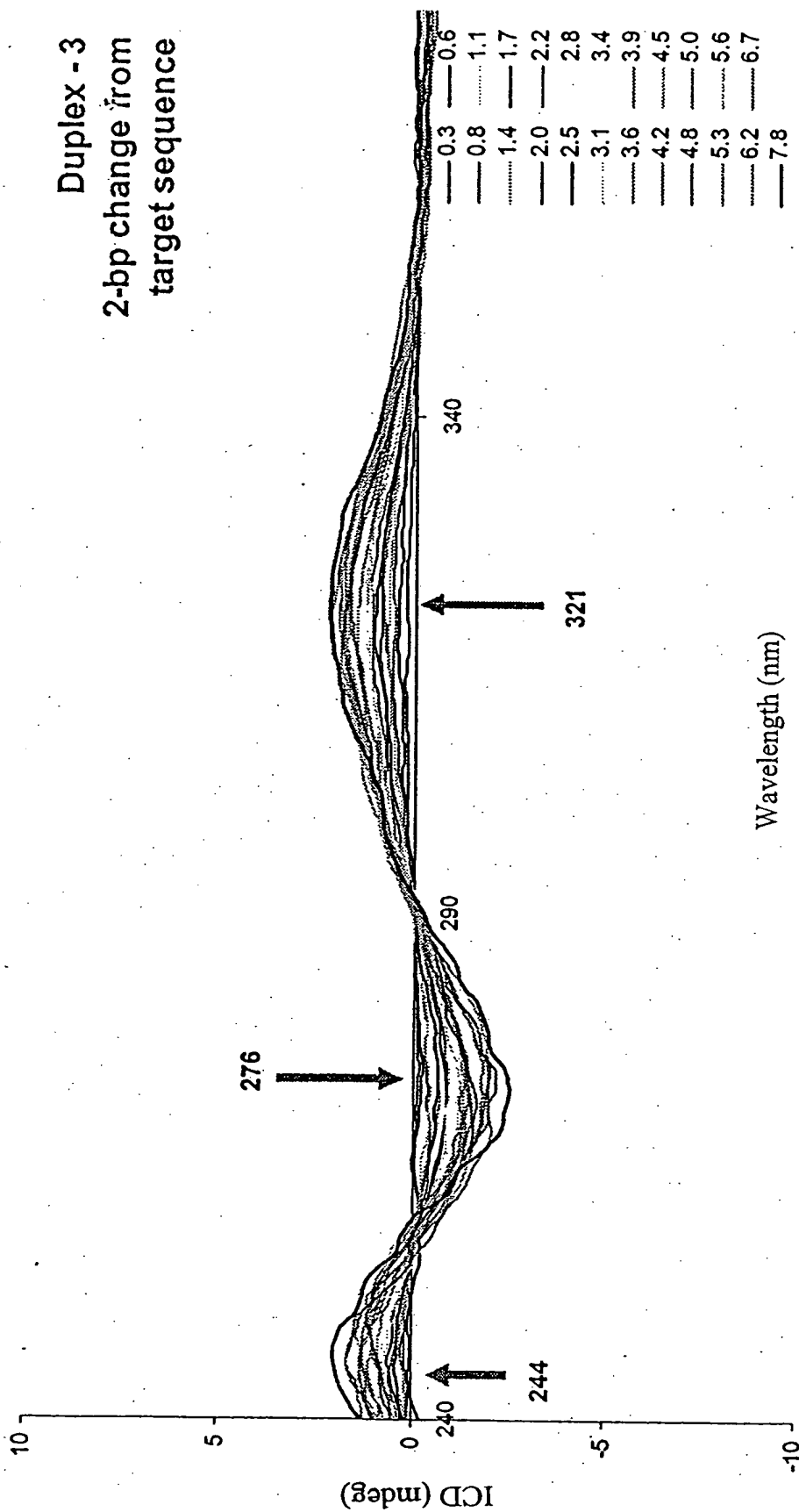
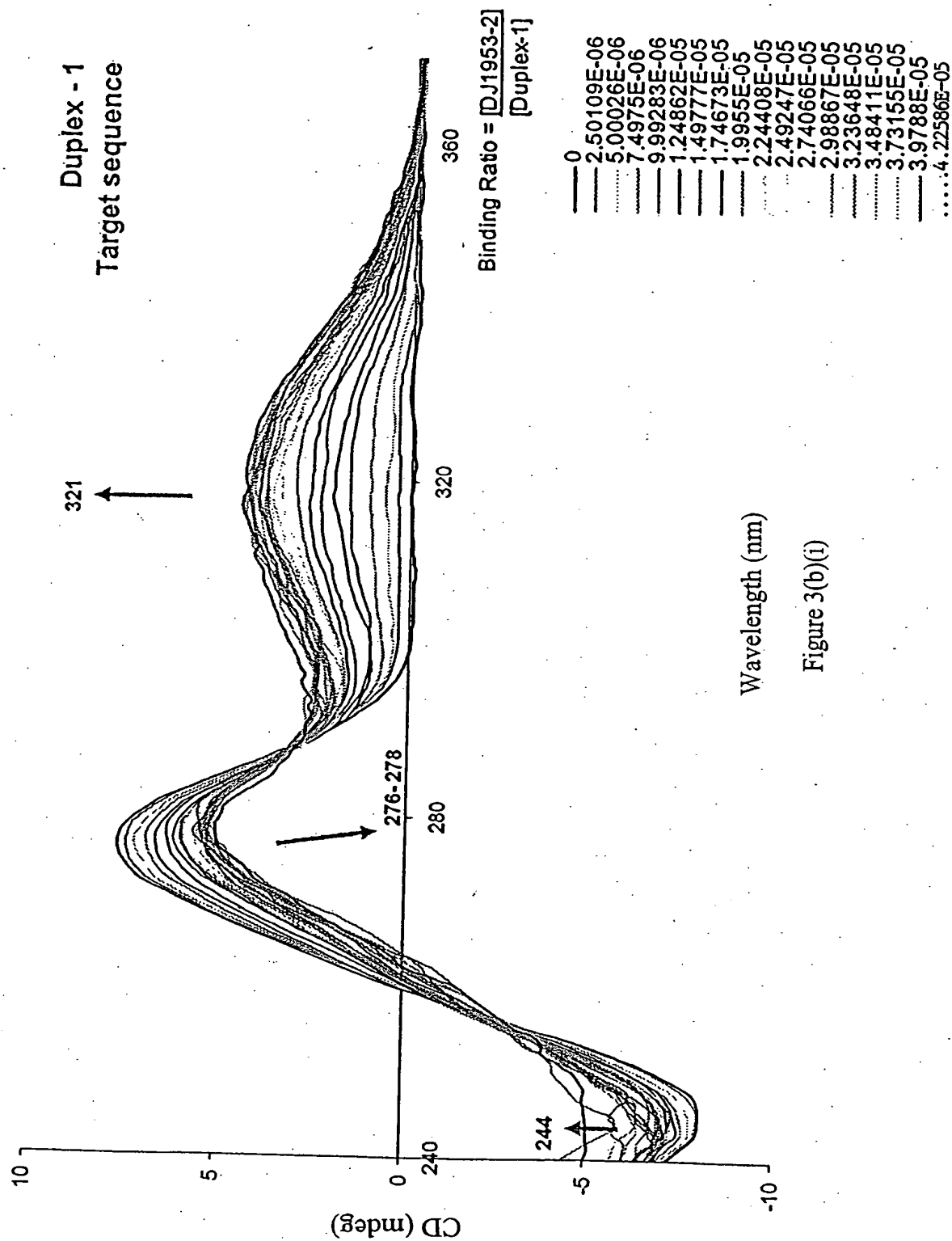


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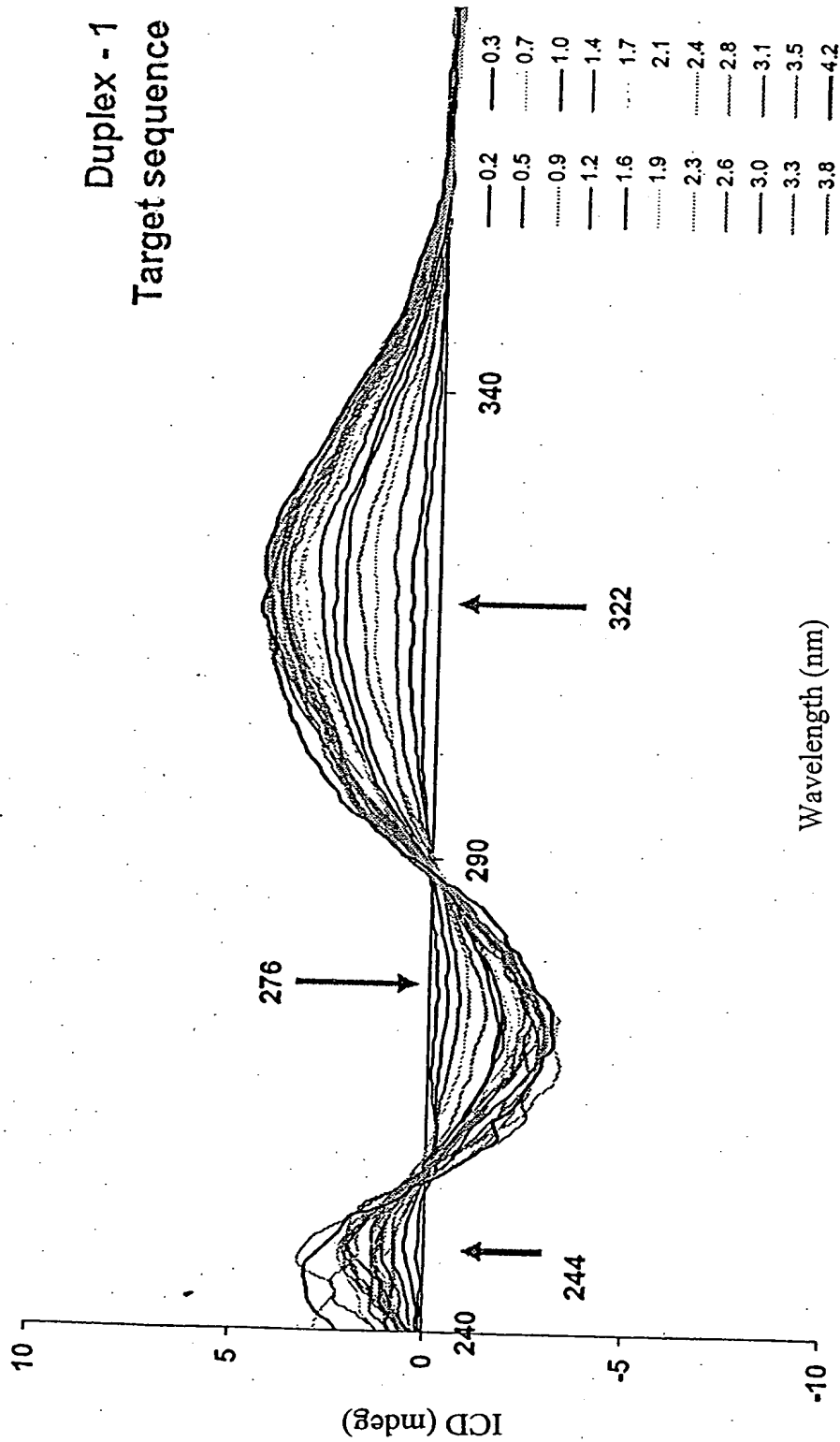


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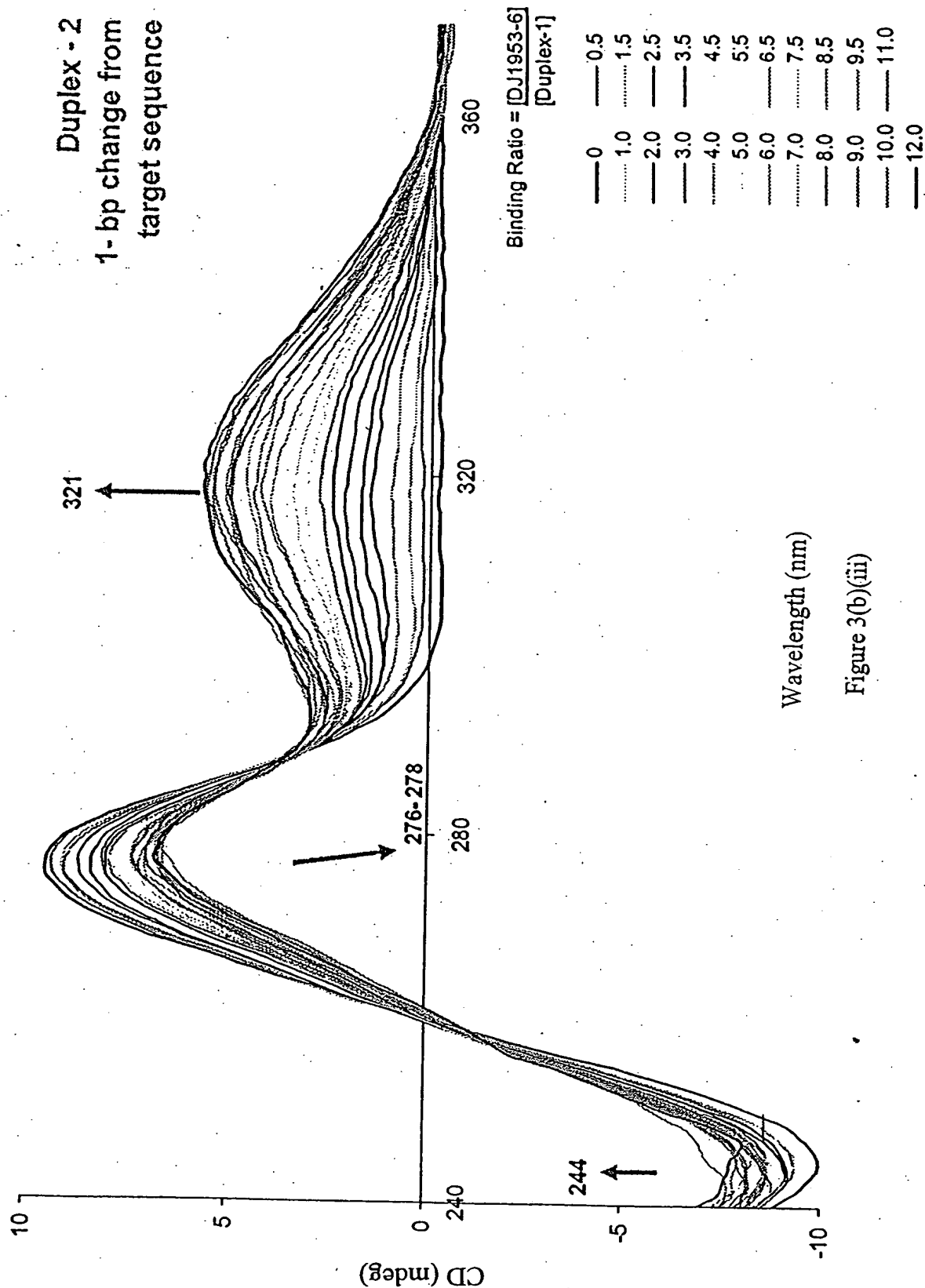
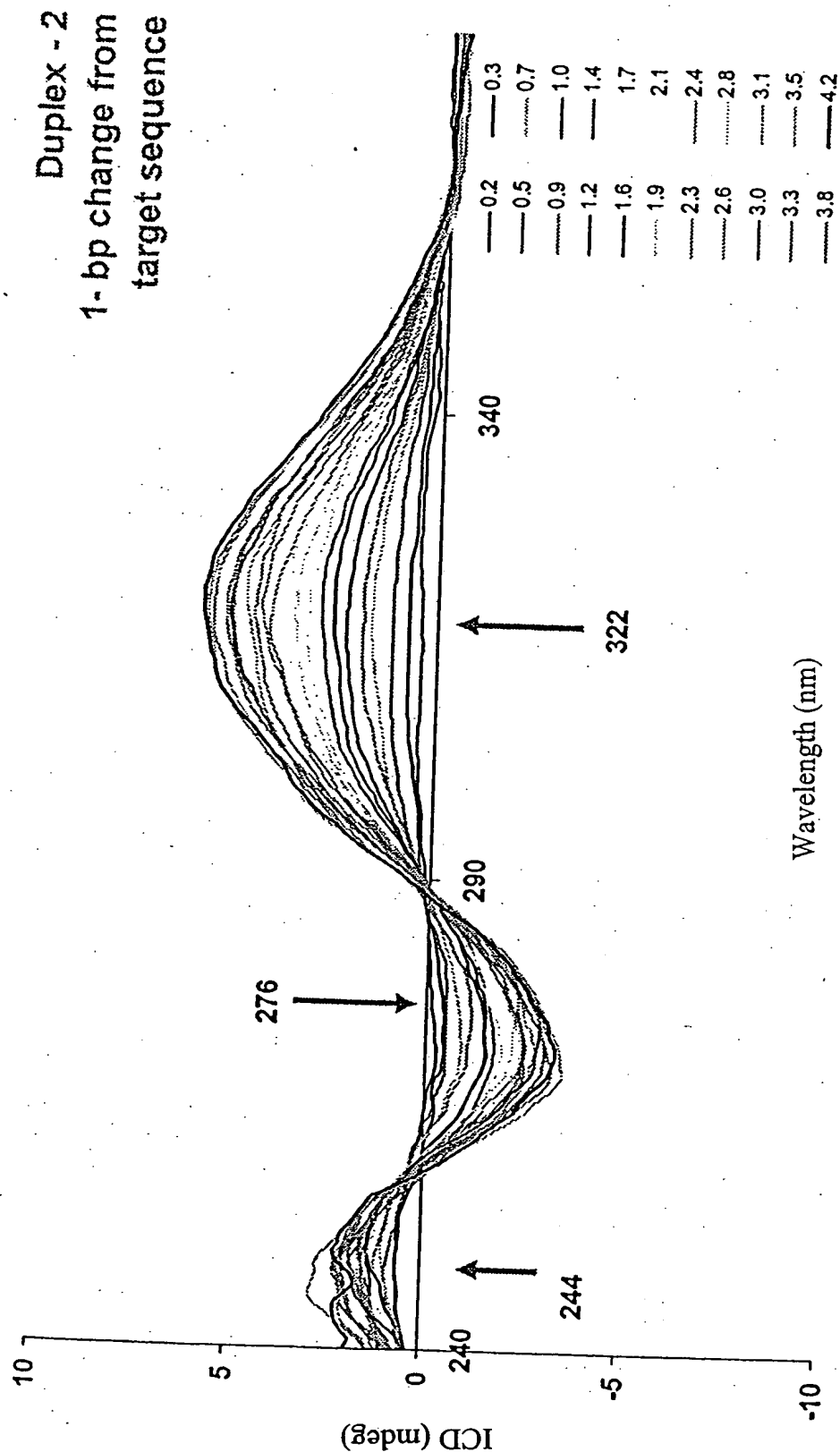
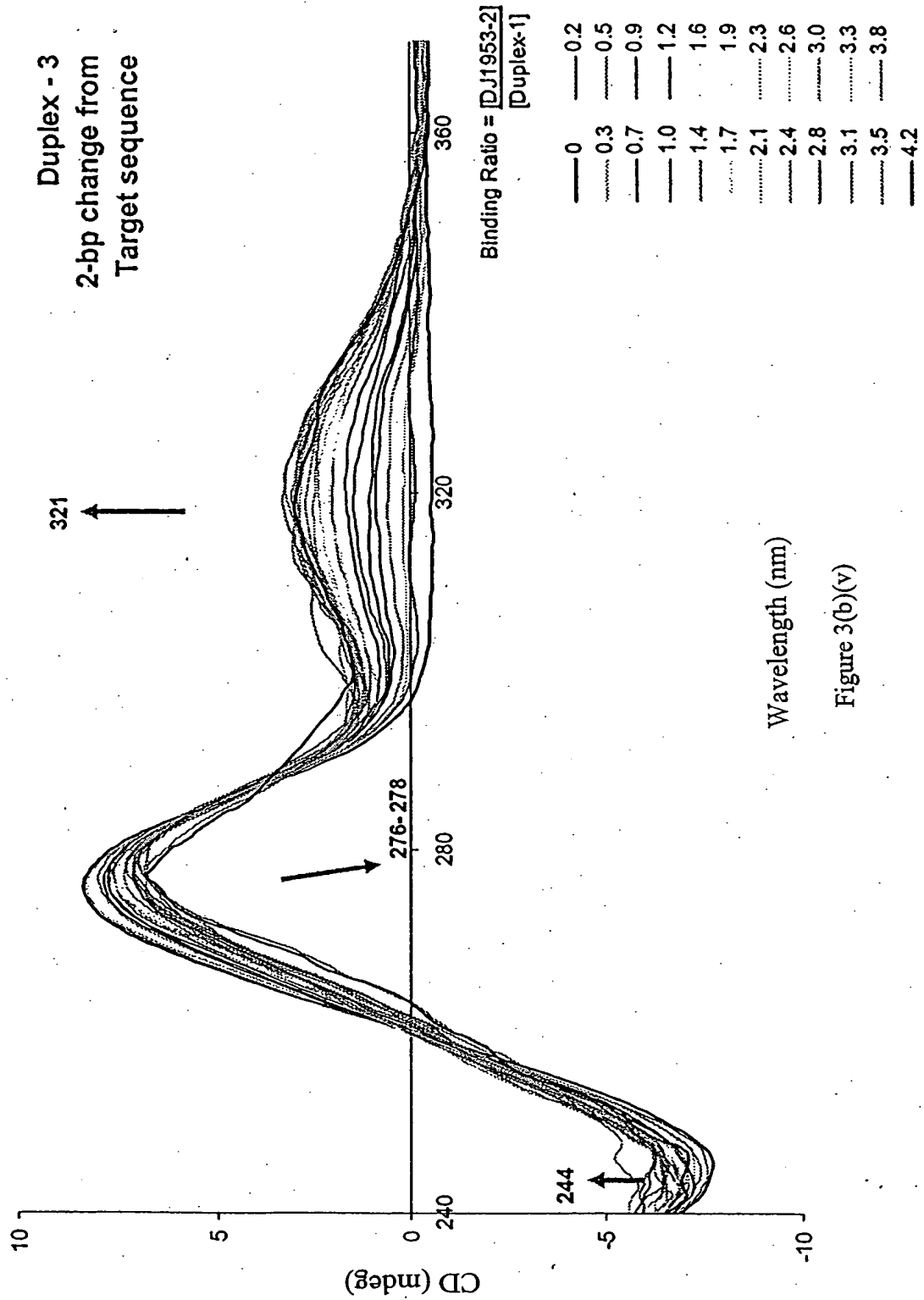


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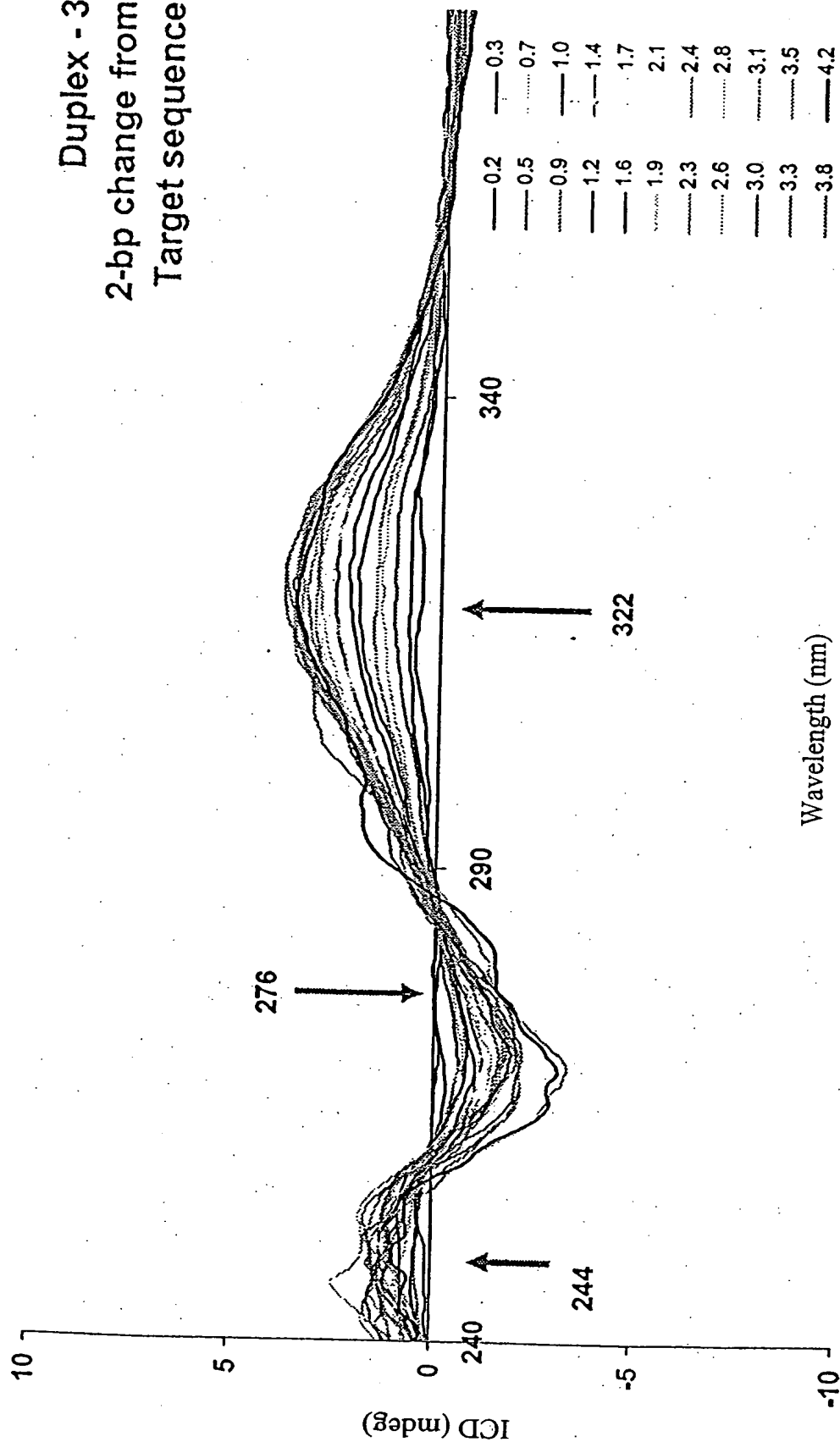


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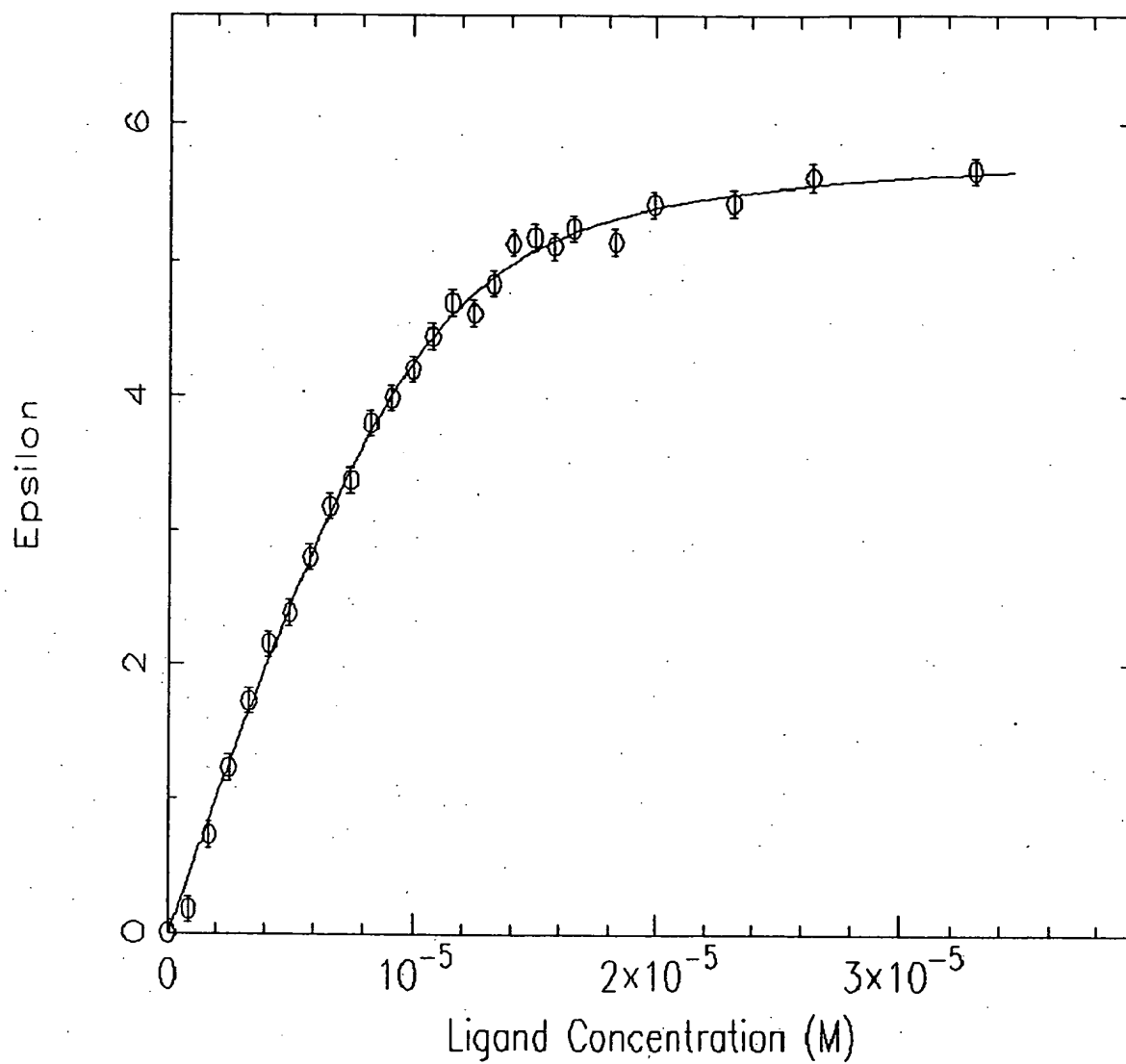


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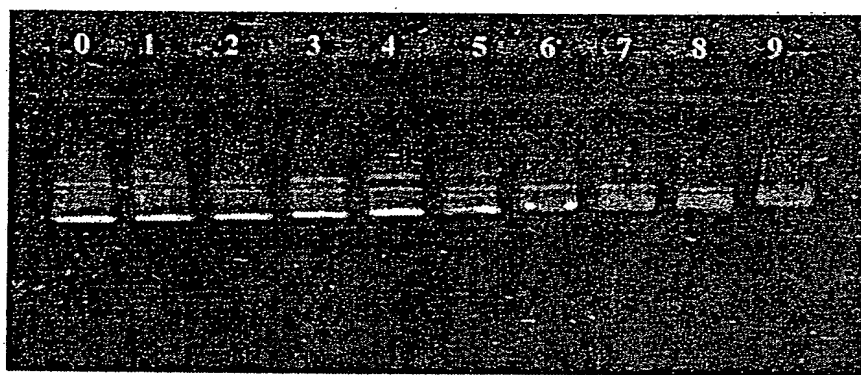


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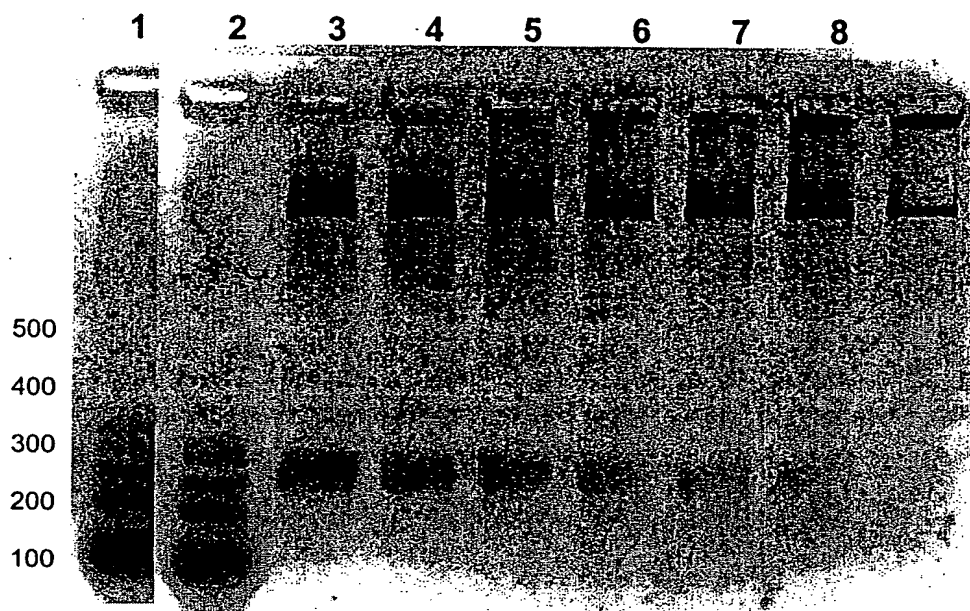


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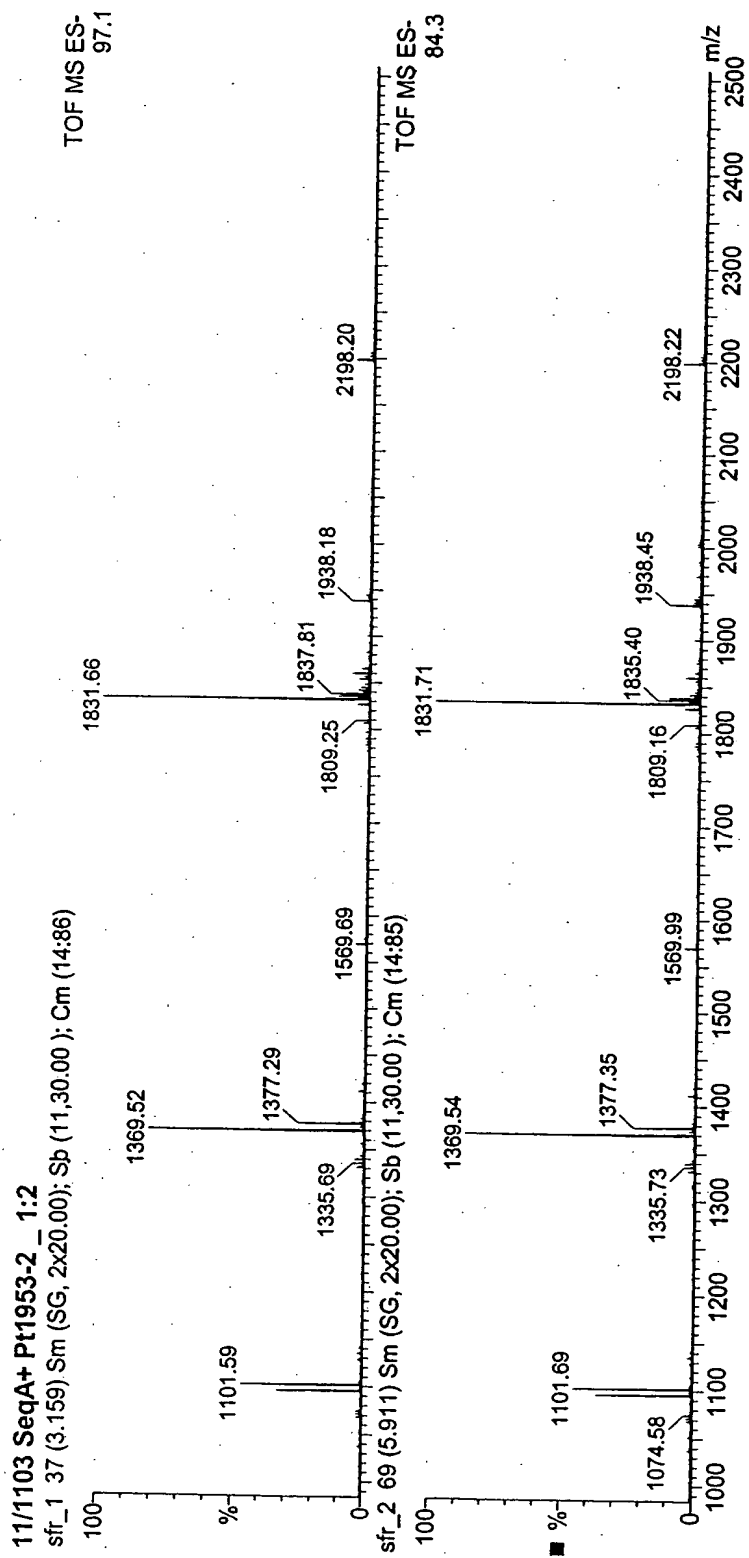


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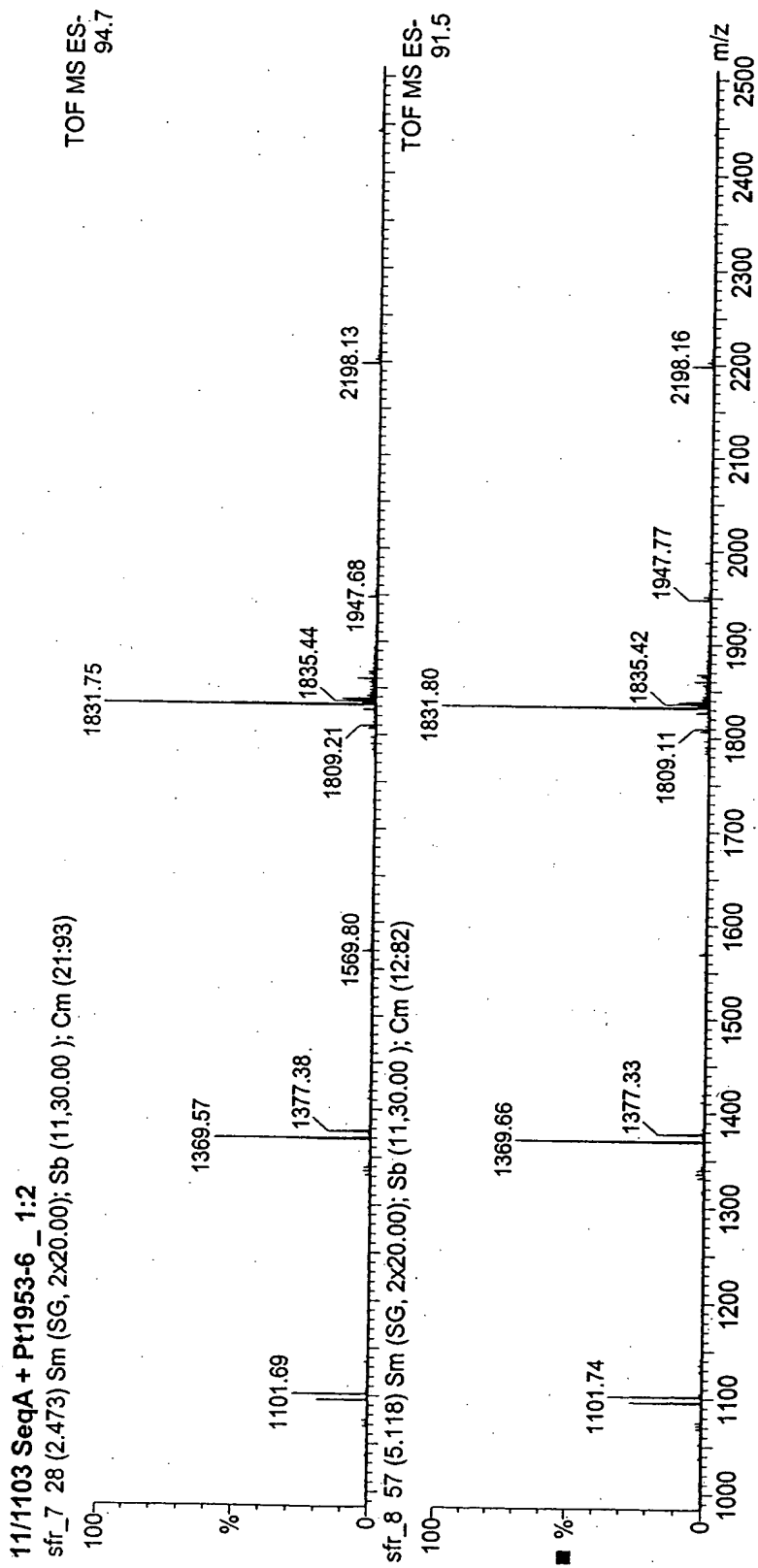


Figure 7

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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